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Applicant: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1651
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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2003 (no listed Paper Number), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on October 10, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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